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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: SOVIET AMBASSADOR CAUTIONS CARTER

1. FRONT PAGE STORY VANCOUVER PROVINCE DATED MARCH 2 REPORTS ALEXANDER YAKOVLEV, USSR AMBASSADOR TO CANADA, IN SPEECH MARCH 1 SPONSORED BY VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE, CRITICIZED PRESIDENT CARTER STATEMENTS CONCERNING EXCESSIVE BUILDUP SOVIET ARMS. NEWS STORY QUOTES YAKOVLEV AS SAYING CARTER'S TALK OF NEW WEAPONS RACE "CAN ONLY LEAD BACK TO A COLD WAR SITUATION MORE DANGEROUS THAN EVER BEFORE." YAKOVLEV SAYS PHILOSOPHY OF PREPARING FOR WAR IN QUEST FOR PEACE "TERRIBLY WRONG" AND "THIS CAN LEAD TO WAR." AMBASSADOR, IN VANCOUVER TO OPEN COSMOS '77 SPACE EXHIBIT, CAUTIONS AGAINST INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER NATIONS, AND ACCUSES ADMINISTRATION OF REGENERATING COLD WAR CYCLE. STORY ADDS YAKOVLEV OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SOVIET-CANADA RELATIONS POLITICALLY AND SCIENTIFICALLY, BUT DISAPPOINTED IN TRADE RELATIONS.

2. FOLLOWING ARE MAJOR EXCERPTS:

THE SOVIET UNION SHOOK A DIPLOMATIC FINGER TUESDAY AT U.S. PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER FOR HIS RECENT STATEMENTS ABOUT EXCESSIVE BUILDUPS OF RUSSIAN ARMS. ALEXANDER YAKOVLEV, UNCLASSIFIED

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SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO CANADA, SAID IN VANCOUVER THAT CARTER'S TALK OF A NEW WEAPONS RACE "CAN ONLY LEAD BACK TO A COLD WAR SITUATION MORE DANGEROUS THAN EVER BEFORE." THERE IS A CURIOUS NEW PHILOSOPHY BEING EXPRESSED TODAY, YAKOVLEV SAID, TO THE EFFECT THAT IF YOU WANT PEACE YOU MUST PREPARE FOR WAR. "THIS IS TERRIBLY WRONG," HE SAID. "THIS CAN LEAD TO WAR AND ALL WILL BE LOSERS. IF WE FAIL

ON THE GREAT ISSUE OF DISARMAMENT...NEW CRISES WILL COME."  
THE AMBASSADOR SAID THERE CAN BE A REASONABLE ASSURANCE OF  
PEACE IN THE WORLD ONLY IF EVERY NATION AGREES NOT TO  
INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF EVERY OTHER NATION.  
PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE MEANS, AS FAR AS THE WEST IS CONCERNED,  
"RECOGNITION OF THE EQUAL RIGHT OF SOCIALISM TO EXIST IN  
THE WORLD."  
"WE ASSUME THAT SOME PEOPLE IN THE WESTERN COUNTRIES DO NOT  
LIKE WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE U.S.S.R." SAID YAKOVLEX,  
"AND RUSSIANS DON T ALWAYS LIKE WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE WEST.  
"DIFFERING VIEWS WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST--IT WOULD BE AN  
UNINTERESTING WORLD OTHERWISE--BUT A PRACTICAL DETENTE MEANS  
THAT NO NATION MEDDLES WITH THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANY OTHER."  
HE SAID THAT ONE COLD WAR BUILDUP BEGAN IN 1956, CHIEFLY  
BECAUSE OF WESTERN MEDIA REPORTS ABOUT PROLIFERATION OF  
LONG-RANGE SOVIET BOMBERS. IN THE 1960 S THE SAME CRITICAL  
SITUATION CONCERNED ALLEGED BUILDUPS OF SOVIET MISSILES.  
"NOW THE CYCLE IS APPEARING AGAIN, WITH EXAGGERATED REPORTS  
OF RUSSIAN ARMS SUPPLIES," YAKOVLEV SAID. "ABOVE ALL, WE  
MUST NOT BE DRAWN BACK TO THE COLD WAR ONCE MORE."  
HE SPOKE MORE OPTIMISTICALLY OF SOVIET-CANADIAN RELATIONS,  
POLITICALLY AND SCIENTIFICALLY AND TO SOME EXTENT ECONOMICAL-  
LY, DESCRIBING THE ARCTIC THAT DIVIDES THE TWO NATIONS AS LESS  
AN OBSTACLE THAN AN AVENUE FOR IMPROVING RELATIONS.  
BUT YAKOVLEV EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT TRADE BETWEEN THE  
TWO HAS NOT INCREASED AT A RATE SIMILAR TO THAT BETWEEN RUSSIA  
AND JAPAN, BRITAIN AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES.  
SPECIFICALLY, HE MENTIONED A POTENTIAL BILLION-DOLLAR DEAL  
LAST YEAR INVOLVING CHIEFLY THE PURCHASE OF INDUSTRIAL  
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EQUIPMENT FROM CANADA. "REGRETTABLY, MANY OF THE CANADIAN  
REPRESENTATIVES REFUSED AND THE DEAL WAS REDUCED TO DOLS  
170 MILLION."  
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